

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 9 and 12 are amended and claim 21 is added. In particular, some of the features recited in claim 12 have been incorporated into claim 9.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Makiya and Ward in the October 10, 2006 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on August 14, 2006. It is requested that the Examiner consider the references cited in that Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants' representative.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Lyons, U.S. Patent No. 5,660,457. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Lyons fails to disclose a door mirror that includes a fixing portion for fixing the lamp body to the housing that is covered with a cover which is formed separately from the lamp body and covers the housing, as recited in claim 1.

Lyons discloses a warning light assembly 7 with a light head 14 that is affixed to the leading end of the housing 10 by mounting screws 11 (Figs. 1 and 3 and col. 2, lines 63-67). Lyons fails to illustrate any structure in Figs. 1 and 3, or provide any disclose, with regard to using a cover that covers the mounting screws 11 (that fixes the light head 14 to the housing 10) and covers the housing 10.

Page 2 of the Office Action asserts that Lyons' apertures 22 and latches 23 correspond to the fixing portion of claim 1. This is not correct because the apertures 22 and latches 23 are used to attach the rear-view mirror subassembly 5 to the housing 10 (col. 3, lines 25-40). As discussed above, it is the mounting screws 11 that are used to affix the light head 14 to the housing 10.

For reasons similar to claim 1, Lyons fails to disclose a cover covering a housing in a direction opposite to a mirror portion and a fixing portion for fixing the lamp body to the housing in the direction opposite to the mirror portion, as recited in claim 15.

Lyons fails to disclose a door mirror with a cover removably mounted to an upper portion of the swelled opposite side (from which the light assembly is mounted in), as recited in claim 9.

As illustrated in Lyon's Fig. 3, a cover is not placed on the left side of the housing 10 (i.e., a side from which the light head 14 is mounted). Page 3 of the Office Action does not identify a cover but instead uses reference number 10, which was used to identify the housing 10.

During the personal interview, Examiner Makiya suggested that Lyon's casing 21 could be the housing of claims 1, 9 and 15. However, the light head 14 is not provided in the casing 21.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

For reasons similar to claim 1, Lyons fails to disclose the features of claim 21.

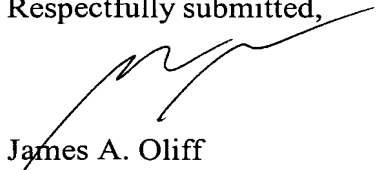
Claims 2, 5, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lyons in view of Kayama, U.S. Patent No. 6,250,784, and claims 11 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lyons in view of Weber et al. (Weber), U.S. Patent No. 6,561,685. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Lyons and Kayama fail to overcome the deficiencies of Lyons as applied to the independent claims. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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